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SUBJECT: MINING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

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1. SINCE SUBMISSION REF A., WE HAVE LEARNED OF SWEDISH PLANS SEND MINING MISSION OF 23 COMPANIES KET REPRESENTATIVES) TO ZAMBIA MAY 2-11. THIS CONCURRENT SWEDISH PRESENCE WITH US TRADE MISSION WILL POSE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS FOR ACCESS TO GRZ OFFICIALS AND KEY COPPER COMPANY REPS. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND USDOC EXAMINE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE MOVE UP ETA ZAMBIA TO APRIL 28 AT LATEST. APRIL 29-30 WOULD BE SPENT IN COPPERBELT, MAY 1 (LABOR DAY) TRAVELING TO LUSAKA AND MAY 2-3 IN LUSAKA FOR MEETINGS WITH KEY GRZ OFFICIALS AND INTERESTED COMPANIES. RESCHEDULING WOULD PRESUMABLY HELP RESOLVE PROBLEMS NOTED LUBUMBASHI 0122. DEPARTURE FOR BOTSWANA WOULD BE MAY 4 OR 5.

2. STRONGLY URGE MISSION BE RESCHEDULED FOR MAXIMUM LOCAL IMPACT. HOPE THIS CAN BE DONE WITH MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE TO COMMERCE CONTROL AND MISSION MEMBERS. WITHOUT SUCH ALTERATION FEEL VISIT TO ZAMBIA WILL RESULT IN CONFUSION AND DISAPPOINTMENT AND LOST OPPORTUNITIES WHICH EVEN BEST EFFORTS OF EMBASSY WILL BE HARD PUT TO MINIMIZE.
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